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News Briefs

Safety day

The kick off of 101 days of summer safety, will begin with briefings by base leadership and safety office representatives. They will brief on the importance of safety in the local area.

The first of the two scheduled programs will begin at 9 a.m. and another will follow at 11 a.m.

Anthrax shots

Individuals requiring the anthrax shot should bring shot records when they report to the base theater today for the safety briefings at either the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. session.

For more information, please call Staff Sgt. Lavalle Boswell at 6-6417 or 6963.

Memorial Day

In recognition of Memorial Day, 3rd AEG members will have a day off.

Services has many activities planned, see page 8.

Buddy system

By order of the commander, all 3rd AEG members must travel in groups of two or more when leaving the base.

Permanent party members are exempt from the policy.



Kwang Ju operations are underway

By 1st Lt. Michele Tasista
3rd Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

The culmination of extraordinary behind the scenes logistical support helped ensure the start of flying operations Monday from Kwang Ju, with the launch of several F-15E Strike Eagles.

More than 600 people, 18 F-15Es and 1 million pounds of cargo were deployed to Kwang Ju as part of the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group starting May 12.

The group has been sent to conduct routine training and to

support the region while the Kitty Hawk Carrier Group is deployed to Southwest Asia.

"Overall everything is going well and exceeding all of my expectations," said Lt. Col. Darryl Roberson, 90th Squadron Commander. "Many thanks to the support elements who helped along the way."

The first few missions were orientation flights to help the aircrews become more familiar with flying in the region, according to Roberson. "We're going to take advantage

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Tech. Sgt. Jeff Roberts explains to Kadena firefighters how the access panel on the underside of an F-15E model aircraft is operated.

Kadena, Elmendorf firefighters ready to respond

Elmendorf and Kadena firefighters joined forces May 19 to conduct aircraft familiarization and egress training on the F-15 Strike Eagle.

The training was designed to point out the unique differences the Strike Eagle has from the C and D models. The Kadena firefighters, who join forces with their Elmendorf counterparts to form the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group team, primarily train, practice and respond to F-15C and D emergencies.

“In the firehouse, we call this type of training reoccurring proficiency training, it keeps the skills required to respond to an emergency fresh in our minds,” said Master Sgt. Neil Orenich, 3rd AEG fire chief. “This training also enhances everyone’s ability to respond to an emergency while familiarizing us with how we’ll work together as a team in any emergency situation.

The 3rd AEG fire-fighting team isn’t limited to the flight line when it comes to responding to

emergencies. Their duties include fire prevention, responding to medical, aircraft, structural, automobile, and confined space emergencies and some situations involving hazardous materials.

Emergency reporting procedures

All emergency 911 calls are answered by the U.S. Air Force Fire Department and Security Forces Squadron and Republic of Korea Air Force Fire Department. The nature of the call will determine who stays on the line.

The emergency response forces ask that the caller provide the following information when calling 911:

What the emergency is; where the emergency is located; your name and the phone number you’re calling from.

The emergency phone is answered by both English and Korean speaking operators.

For more information, please call 786-6855.

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Promoted!

Good news was delivered in the form of stripes Thursday to nine technical sergeants and 17 staff sergeants who are deployed to Kwang Ju Air Base. The technical sergeants are among the Air Force's 5,827 selected for master sergeant. The 17 staff sergeants join the AF's 11,742 who will become technical sergeants.

Technical sergeants selected for promotion to master sergeant are: Tech. Sgts. Jeanie Buxton, Richard Ferry, Ian Lodge, Chris Launer, Michael Pezzini, Darren Walker, Jeffery Wilson, Steven Hakala and Donald McKim.

Staff sergeants selected for promotion to technical sergeant are: Staff Sgts. Travis Williams, James Goetz, Alida Keith-Forbes, Timothy Dreyer, Paul Thiel, Mark Couldridge, Jeffery Easter, Trevor Hall, John Hradowsky, David Madison, Mark Mewes, Antoinette Williams, Gregory Flores, Carlos Gutierrez, Scott Lancaster, Lawrence Reyes and Bruce Russell.

The promotion figures represent an overall 29.7 percent selection rate for the 99E7 cycle and 24.4 percent selection rate for the 99E6 cycle.

"The increase in promotion rates over the last few years are a result of the return to a stable force structure and end-strength levels following years of drawdown," explained officials at the Air Force Personnel Center.

"1999 promises to yield some of the highest

enlisted promotion percentages since the inception of the Weighted Airman Promotion System, nearly 30 years ago," added center officials. "Slightly lower retention rates in the enlisted force have also increased promotion opportunity."

People who tested should expect to receive their score notices in early June, allowing them to see just how they stacked up against their counterparts. These score notices allow members to know how their promotion fitness examination and skills knowledge test scores rank against those they're directly competing against for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

The average selectee score for the master sergeant test cycle was 353.51 points based on the following:

- 134.03 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 67.74 Promotion fitness Exam
- 70.01 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 34.38 Time in Grade
- 35.52 Time in Service
- 11.00 Decorations

The average selectee has 4.57 years time in grade and 16.61 years in service. Those selected for master sergeant will begin sewing on their rank and will continue through July 2000.

The average selectee score for the technical sergeant test cycle was 347.44 points based on the following:

- 132.78 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 67.31 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 61.85 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 45.81 Time in Grade
- 30.40 Time in Service
- 7.56 Decorations

The average selectee has 6.79 years time in grade and 14 years in service. Those selected will also be promoted to technical sergeant beginning in August through July 2000.

1st Lt. Michele Tasista and Staff Sgt. T.S. McNamara contributed to this report.

New AAFES opens Monday

Clothing and gifts available at new base exchange located near base theater.

The hours are Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Words from the 90th Sqdn. commander

Lt. Col. Roberson discussed the deployment during a recent interview.

I think this has been a successful deployment overall. Going into this type of operation I have two primary concerns which go hand in hand. Taking care of our people while accomplishing our mission. We are doing very well on both fronts.

Accomplishing our training and operational missions, and being ready in the event that our air assets are needed somewhere in the Pacific, is one concern. At this point we feel we are ready to support this requirement because we've successfully transitioned from Elemendorf and have started our flying operations in Korea. It is important that we maintain this level of readiness.

As we conclude our first week of flying we are becoming

more familiar with the Korean theater of operations which is different than Alaska. We feel there are many training opportunities for us to undertake while we are deployed here.

My second concern is to ensure my team has adequate food and facilities. Both meet the standard at this time. I'd like to continue adding to this quality of life every week with other initiatives and programs. We're going to start an incentive flight program, giving some selected people throughout the group rides in the F-15. We're also going to have barbeques to which the rest of the group will be invited.

We're working hard to ensure connectivity with our home units through e-mail and morale calls. Another thing we are working on is deciding where we

stand on use or lose leave. We are writing a waiver request for any leave that we may not be able to take here and so we don't lose it when we go back to our bases. The other issue is for those who have mid-tour or end of tour leave, we are working on another waiver to extend that for a year.

It has been a tremendous effort by all involved to get us to this point and I'd like to thank everyone for their outstanding work. I'd also like to thank all of the support agencies, without whom it would have been impossible for us to accomplish what we are here to do. Over all it has been a successful deployment. We had some challenges with airflow which were out of our control. We dealt with this professionally and showed tremendous flexibility. Flexibility, we know, is the key to air power.

Staying safe is a priority for summer-time fun

Commentary by Tech. Sgt. Kevin McDowell

Safety office

Today is the beginning of the annual 101 critical days of summer.

The 101 days between Memorial and Labor Day weekends is the time when Air Force members have historically suffered a large number of fatalities and serious injuries.

Every year, during this period, for the past 10 years, the Air Force has averaged 35 fatalities and here at Kwang-Ju we're not immune to safety concerns. There are three primary areas we need to be aware of during this time of year.

Korean traffic. Korea's narrow streets and heavy traffic pose one of the biggest safety problems for members of the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group. Drivers here often have a "me first attitude about driving." It's a good idea to take just the opposite approach when you run across that type of driver.

The streets tend to be crowded with both vehicles
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First sgt. bicycles safely



A familiar site on Kwang Ju is Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Pelfrey, 3rd Air Expeditionary Group First Sergeant. He regularly makes the rounds via his bicycle to visit with troops.

Demonstrating the proper wear of bicycle safety gear, he encourages others to practice the same safety precautions both on and off the base.

Fitness and Recreation Center full of activity

The Fitness and Recreation Center provides a positive outlet for stress.

To ensure that members of the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group are provided the best possible service in that area, the services personnel at the Center have worked to create a unique environment where people can relax, exercise, keep in touch with loved ones or play a video game.

“There are limited places in our community where you can escape your work place and avoid sitting around your room, said Ian Lodge, Fitness and Recreation Center manager. Services plays a key role in many areas of community support. My part in that is to build compact but comprehensive areas for people to unwind.

Lodge and his team have done just that for the members of the 3rd AEG. They continue to develop new ideas to improve the quality of life at Kwang Ju.

Here’s what’s currently available at the Center. A basketball court, weight/cardiovascular room, raquetball courts and steam-room.

For those who aren’t in the mood for a workout there is a small lending library and reading room. A video game room is also available.

According to Lodge there’s more to come. There are plans for trips and tours, video movies in the theater and a better range of exercise equipment.



Senior Airman Mark Schneider and Airman 1st Class James Gutette play a video game in the game room.



Senior Airman Charles Lippert finds time for a quick trip to the Community Center’s Gym.



Senior Airman Dawn Smith tries out a newly installed morale phone in the Community Center. The phones are available for use from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. everyday.

Chapel News

Protestant worship services are conducted in the Base Theater at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

A **Bible introduction class** is 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Hidden Valley Inn Prayer Chapel.

Protestant Choir practice is 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Building 214, 3rd floor day room.

Advanced class on **Christian growth** - discipleship class - is 7 p.m. Thursday in the Hidden Valley Prayer Chapel.

A **modern issues in Christianity** discussion group meets 7 p.m. Saturdays in the Hidden Valley Prayer Chapel.

Catholic worship services are Sundays at 11:30 a.m. at the Korean Base Chapel. Confessions are before and after the mass or anytime by appointment. Services are conducted by Chaplain George George.

The Chaplain can be reached at 6-6026.

Catholic adult religious education classes are 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Hidden Valley Inn prayer chapel.

A **prayer room** is available 24-hours a day. For more information, please call Chaplain Ron Harvell, 6-6026.

Walk in counseling is available 8 to 11 a.m. daily in the Hidden Valley Inn prayer chapel.

For more information, please call 6-6026.

Security tips

Driving

Republic of Korea security forces have the authority to cite military personnel for driving violations. Some things drivers should be aware of are:

All roads on base have a maximum speed limit of 25 MPH/40KPH.

Make a complete stop at each

stop sign. Korean Security Forces suggest counting to three before proceeding through the intersection.

Alcohol

Bringing alcoholic beverages outside the confines of the dormitory area or buildings in which alcohol is served is prohibited.

Other regulations governing alcohol consumption are the same as the regulations governing other Air Force installations in Korea.

More information on this subject can be gained through supervisors.

Finance office

Members can cash personal checks up to \$200 per week and up to \$100 of it can be dispursed in Won.

The finance office is located in Building 2107.

For more information call 6-6148.

Legal office

The legal office offers a wide array of legal services, including wills and powers-of-attorney, legal assistance, command advice, and briefings on country law, the U.S./Korea SOFA, and the law of armed conflict.

The legal office is located in Building 2107 and legal assistance is available Monday-Friday from 7:45 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:45 p.m. Saturday hours are 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call Capt. Steve Sayeedi or Master Sgt. Jim Hobza at 6-6140.

Public affairs

The public affairs office produces the Kwang Ju Pacific Expedition newsletter.

Submissions should be received by the staff no later than close of business Wednesday for that week's publication.

The public affairs staff can be reached by phone at 6-6142 or visited in Building 2107.

Dormitories

No smoking in the dorms

Noise/Quiet hours

Loud music and activities are prohibited in the dormitories. Quiet hours run 24 hours Sunday through Thursday and on Friday and Saturday they are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Trash

Dumpsters are located outside each facility. Each person is responsible for keeping their own personal areas clean and ensuring trash is thrown out regularly.

Dayroom TVs and VCRs

Dormitory day rooms are equipped with TVs and VCRs. Location of dayrooms are as follows:

Building 212, 213, 214 -- 1st and 3rd floors.

Building 211 - 2nd floor.

Post office

The base post office is fully operational.

To receive mail, base units will need to assign a primary and alternate unit mail-clerk. The mail clerk is responsible for picking up and distributing the mail.

The post office hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Services include parcel, registered and express mails and purchasing stamps. Money orders are also available during all the regular hours with the exception of lunch during the week from 11 a.m. to noon.

Members sending mail to Okinawa, Japan and Korea won't be charged for the service.

Your address is:

Your rank and name

3rd AEG/Unit

APO AP 96262

For more information, please call 6-6452.

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of the training opportunity we have here.”

“We’re used to flying in wide open wilderness,” said Major Todd Boyd, pilot. “It is a bit challenging here because there is more air traffic than what we are used to.”

The terrain is also different. “The landscape is more varied, which is good for us to become more familiar with,” said Boyd.

The aircrews are not the only ones adapting to their new environment. The maintainers are too. “It takes a little while to get used to the climate,” said A1C Jose Verbeck, crew chief. “Some of us have become sunburned.”

Things have improved at Kwang Ju since 1998, according to Verbeck who was deployed then. “We had to build things from scratch. Now everything is set up and our work area is much more efficient.”

“Everything is going very well,” said Major Brad Gallup, maintenance officer. “We’re standing by for the arrival of our avionics test station, but everyone is in place and that is the most important thing.”

Chief Master Sgt. Doug Hunter agreed. “The slow airlift impeded progress initially, but the people are in good spirits and the ramp is set up the way we want it. We’ve also started flying missions, so

overall everything is going well.”

Members of the squadron are not only flying and maintaining aircraft. Some are putting together an educational program which will be open to the group. A colleague maintenance officer is also a certified teacher, said Gallup. Courses from Waylan and Embry Riddle Universities will be offered in the near future.

Also, the CLEP and DANTES programs will be administered, said Hunter. Others have offered their tutoring services for people who need it.

“We did this last year during our deployment here and it worked out real well,” said Hunter.

Dollar, Won ATM in place

An automatic teller machine is now available for use near the entrance of the food court.

The machine is set up to disperse either United States dollars or Korean Won. It will accept all major bankcards. The exchange rate is updated daily at 3 p.m.

The machine is programmed to capture a card for security reasons if the user doesn’t enter the right personal identification number after several attempts. It will also be captured if the card is left in the machine for an extended period of time with no activity, according to bank officials.

People should contact the finance office immediately if their card is captured. Unclaimed cards will be sent to the issuing bank.

Customers who wish to retrieve their cards should visit the finance office.



Memorial Day events

Cookout in the quad

The dining facility will take its services and food to the park Monday in recognition of Memorial Day.

The cookout is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and is scheduled to end at 3 p.m.

Monday's menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and potato salad.

There will be volleyball, flag football, horseshoes and much more.

For more information, call 6-6366.

Tournaments

Volleyball - 6 man teams

Basketball - 4 on 4

Raquetball - 1 on 1

Horseshoes - 2 on 2

Wolleyball - 3 on 3

Flag football
spades

Sign-up for bus tour to Osan Air Base ends today

Sign up today at the recreation center to go to Osan Air Base for either a one or two night stay. Busses depart Kwang Ju Saturday at 8 a.m.

Travel is free of charge. Lodging on base is \$5 per night.

According to billeting officials, contingency lodging will be available for people who make the trip.

People interested in the tour need to sign up at the Fitness and Recreation Center before noon today.

One of the busses leaves Osan AB at noon Sunday, while the other leaves at 8 a.m. Monday.

The front desk for the Center is located at the rear entrance of the building.

For more information please call 6-6192.

Kwang Ju notes

Aerobics

Anyone interested in volunteering to teach aerobics can volunteer by contacting the services management office, 6-6366.

There is no formal certification required-but skill is a must.

Dining hours

The dining hall is open 5-8 a.m. for breakfast; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch and 4-7 p.m. for dinner. Midnight meal is also available for shift workers 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

No hat, no salute

Within the central quad area

or the confines of a building to include revetments and overhangs, hats and saluting are not necessary.

For more information on the policy, call Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Pelfrey 6-6818.

Missed meals

Meals missed due to legitimate duty requirements may be reimbursed.

Check with supervisors for information on how to apply for reimbursement.

Logo competition

The 3rd Air Expeditionary Group leadership is offering a prize to the person who creates

the new 3rd AEG logo.

More information will be provided through the Pacific Expedition as it becomes available.

Civil engineer service calls

For any help with civil engineer related issues, call 6-6122, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sick call hours

Daily 8-10 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. at medical clinic building 2106.

Call 911 for emergencies.

Customs and courtesies

All military are reminded to show proper respect for ROKAF officers.



Capt. Barb Ochsner, chief of supply, Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Williams and Tech. Mia White discuss current supply situation at the base supply store.



Airman 1st Class Steven Ferguson, special purpose vehicle maintenance apprentice, from Kadena Air Base works on a vehicle.

People... Places... Faces...



Lt. Gen. Hurd, 7th Air Force commander, visited Kwang Ju Wednesday, toured the base and talked to the troops.



Airman 1st Class Christopher Bartlett, a communications maintenance technician, demonstrates how to adjust the controls of this satellite communications equipment for an Air Force Magazine photographer.

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and pedestrians. The mix can be very hazardous.

The best protection is to remain alert and vigilant whenever driving or walking along the streets in Korea. Always expect the unexpected, and remain flexible!

Recreational activities. Be aware Korean recreational areas may not be as safe as the U.S.

Some examples are unprotected cliffs and drop-offs, extremely steep mountain trails and stairways and untested drinking water sources.

The best defense is always take bottled water with you, or drink bottled drinks. At the beaches, be aware the water is not tested for water quality. If you rent a boat or any watercraft, Koreans don't normally offer Personal Flotation Devices. If you didn't bring your own PFD, please don't consider renting a boat.

But the most prevalent of all injuries during the 101 days is sports injuries.

Some injuries will cut military careers short, and even cause loss of lives. Most of these injuries can be prevented.

Tips to help reduce the risks associated with sports are:

- * Properly stretch and warm up before playing any vigorous sport

- * If you do not normally play sports, take the extra time to properly condition yourself.

- * Remember that you will never be 18 years old again. Your body will not take the same strains it used to.

- * If the sport requires protective equipment...WEAR IT!

- * If you have not done it before, get proper guidance and instruction.

Before participating in any activity, people should conduct a mental Operational Risk Management. People should convince themselves that the activity they're participating in is as safe as it can possibly be.

Air Force announces Stop-Loss details

WASHINGTON—Acting Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters and Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan announced their decision May 26 to implement Stop-Loss, suspending normal separations and retirements for people in critical career fields effective June 15.

Mr. Peters and General Ryan emphasized that they plan to keep disruption of the lives of Air Force men and women to a minimum, and to avoid adverse effects on promotions. The Air Force will hold up only separations deemed critical to preserving mission capability. The driving force behind the decision is the ongoing air campaign in the Balkans.

"We do not take this action lightly," said Mr. Peters. "Stop-Loss is designed to preserve the critical skills essential to support our missions in Europe and Southwest Asia, while remaining prepared to meet another major regional contingency. Stop-Loss will also allow us to keep our training base intact, so that we will be able to reconstitute our forces quickly when Kosovo operations cease."

Mr. Peters also acknowledged the toll taken on the total force.

"We are acutely aware that ours is a volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting our worldwide obligations, is inconsistent with fundamental principles of voluntary service," he said. "We also know that this action will adversely affect the lives of airmen and their families."

"We have done our best to minimize this disruption by limiting the career fields to which Stop-Loss will apply. On the individual level, we will look at the hardship caused by Stop-Loss on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief."

Stop-Loss will affect 40 percent or approximately 120,000 of those now on active duty. Slightly more than 6,000 airmen who have requested and received permission to separate or retire from the Air Force between now and December will be required to remain in uniform as a result of Stop-Loss. Stop-Loss also temporarily blocks changes of status of members of the Air Guard and Reserve that would allow a member to leave units at risk for call-up.

Twenty-three percent of Air Force specialty codes have been identified as the critical skills needed to perform the mission.

By law, Stop-Loss may be used only to suspend temporarily voluntary separations (to include discharges and resignations), retirements and promotions of members of the armed forces while a presidential call-up or mobilization is in effect. In this instance, Stop-Loss will last indefinitely, pending further reviews in the coming months, or the termination of presidential call-up for Kosovo.

"We take Stop-Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our Air Force members, their families and their civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments," General Ryan said. "It is important that all of these people understand how seriously we take this program and how much we appreciate the individual sacrifices that will be made because of it."

The following AFSCs are affected by Stop-Loss:

— Officer AFSCs-fully qualified or awarded AFSC or aero rating
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(including all UAV operators). Where an officer is multi-qualified, practical utility will determine stop-loss applicability :

11XX (pilots, except “slick” C-130 pilots (11AXK) not assigned to AETC undergraduate flying training instructor duty, EA-6B, and OSA [C-9, C-12, C-20, C-21, VC-25, C-32, C-37, C-135, and C-137])

12XX (navigators, except “slick” C-130 navigators (12AXC) not assigned to AETC undergraduate flying training instructor duty, EA-6B, and OSA [VC-25, C-32, C-135, and C-137])

13BX (air battle managers)

13MX (air traffic control)

14NX (intelligence)

15WX (weather)

21AX (aircraft maintenance-munitions)

21GX (logistics plans)

21LX (logistician: only lieutenant colonels with core AFSC of 21AX or 21 GX)

33SX (communications and information)

71SX (AFOSI)

— Enlisted Control AFSCs. Unless specifically identified, all prefixes and suffixes to the AFSCs listed below apply, except “slick” C-130 flight engineers (1A1XX) and “slick” C-130 loadmasters (1A2XX)

1A0XX (in-flight refueling)

1A000 (chief enlisted manager in-flight refueling)

1A1X1B and 1A1X1C (flight engineer)

1A100 (chief enlisted manager flight engineer)

1A2XX (aircraft loadmaster)

1A200 (chief enlisted manager loadmaster)

1A3XX (airborne communications system, except those assigned to C-9, C-20, VC-25, C-32, C-135 or C-137)

1A300 (chief enlisted manager airborne communication system)

1A4X1 and 1A4X1D (airborne battle management systems)

1A400 (chief enlisted manager airborne battle management systems)

1A5XX (airborne missions systems)

1A500 (chief enlisted manager airborne missions systems)

1CXXX (command control systems operations)

1N0X1 (intelligence applications)

1N000 (chief enlisted manager intelligence applications)

1N1X1 (imagery analysis)

1N2X1 (signals intelligence production)

1N200 (chief enlisted manager signals intelligence production)

1N3X0 (cryptological linguist)

1N3X3A, 1N3X3D, 1N3X3E, 1N3X3K, 1N3X3L and 1N3X3M, (Slavic crypto linguist)

1N4X1 (signals intelligence analysis)

1N5X1 (electronic signals intelligence exploitation)

1N500 (chief enlisted manager electronic signals intelligence)

1N6X1 (electronic systems security assessment)

1N600 (chief enlisted manager electronic systems security)

1T0X1 (survival, evasion, resistance, and escape training)

1T1X1 (life support)

1T100 (chief enlisted manager life support)

1T2X1 (pararescue)

1T200 (chief enlisted manager pararescue)

1W0X1A (weather)

1W000 (chief enlisted manager weather)

1W0X1A (forecaster)

2A0X1 (avionics test station and components)

2A1X1 (avionics sensors maintenance)

2A1X2 (avionics guidance and control systems)

2A1X3 (communications and navigation systems)

2A1X4 (airborne surveillance radar systems)

2A1X7 and X2A1X7 (electronic warfare systems)

2A3X1 (F-15/F-111 avionics systems)

2A3X2 (F-16 avionics systems)

2A3X3 (tactical aircraft maintenance)

2A4X1 (aircraft guidance and control systems)

2A4X2 (aircraft communication and navigation systems)

2A4X3 (aircraft command control and communications and navigation systems)

2A5X1 (aerospace maintenance)

2A5X2 (helicopter maintenance)

2A5X3 (bomber avionics systems)

2A6X1 (aerospace propulsion; except senior master sergeant)

2A6X2 (aerospace ground equipment; except senior master sergeant)

2A6X3 (aircrew egress systems)

2A6X4 (aircraft fuel systems)

2A6X5 (aircraft hydraulic systems)

2A6X6 (aircraft electrical and environmental systems)

2A7X1 (aircraft metals technology)

2A7X2 (nondestructive inspection)

2A7X3 (aircraft structural maintenance)

2A7X4 (survival equipment)

2E1X1 (satellite and wideband communications equipment)

2P0X1 (precision measurement equipment laboratory)

2R0X1 (maintenance data systems analysis)

2R1X1 (maintenance scheduling)

2T2XX (air transportation)

2W0X1 (munitions systems)

2W1X1, K2W1X1, Q2W1X1 and X2W1X1 (aircraft armament systems)

3C0X1 (communications/computers systems opera-

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Why we need Stop-Loss

By F. Whitten Peters, Acting Secretary of the Air Force, and
Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force Chief of Staff

A month ago, when President Clinton authorized Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up for Kosovo operations, we announced that the Air Force would implement a limited Stop-Loss program to preserve the skills and experience necessary to maintain our combat capability. Since then, we've looked at Stop-Loss from every conceivable angle to determine if we really need it and, if so, how best to implement the program. With careful consideration of all the issues and options-and after wrestling with the best way to balance the needs of the force with the needs of our people-we have decided to implement a selective, incremental Stop-Loss program beginning June 15.

The driving factor in our decision is the on-going air campaign in the Balkans. When we joined NATO efforts to defend the people of Kosovo from the actions of an oppressive government, we knew our operations over Yugoslavia would not be completed easily or quickly. Now, in the ninth week of the air campaign, it is more evident than ever that we are doing the right thing and the air campaign is having a significant impact. It's also evident that we'll be engaged in the Balkans for some undetermined period.

The recall of some Reserve component forces announced earlier under the PSRC provides significant relief, but we must spread the responsibility across the total force. Stop-Loss will preserve the critical skills essential to support our missions in Europe and Southwest Asia, while remaining prepared to meet another major regional contingency. Stop-Loss will also allow us to keep our training base intact, so that we will be able to reconstitute our

forces quickly when Kosovo operations cease.

We'll apply Stop-Loss only among those specialties needed to carry out our operations; we'll use it only when we need to; and we'll only use it for as long as necessary to accomplish our mission. We'll frequently review the list of career fields subject to Stop-Loss; we will look at individual hardships caused by Stop-Loss on a case-by-case basis; and we'll do what we can to permit separations. In addition, when Stop-Loss terminates, we will work with those airmen whose lives have been disrupted to make sure that they can time their ultimate separation to avoid further disruption. We hope these guidelines will keep any disruption in your lives to a minimum.

In these demanding times, we're performing our mission better than any air force that has ever operated anywhere in the world. We now have exceeded a major theater war level of effort with our forces deployed to support air campaigns in the Balkans and Southwest Asia. With Stop-Loss, we retain the capability to support another major theater war effort, should world events prompt such action. The only reason we're able to do all this is because of the dedicated service of each member of our Total Force-every active-duty airman, every guardsman, every reservist. We count on you and your families, often asking you to make great sacrifices on behalf of our nation, and you always deliver!

While we can't predict how long the air campaign will continue, we know you'll do whatever it takes for as long as it takes. You have our deepest respect and appreciation and the admiration of all Americans and our allies around the globe. We're extremely proud of all that you're doing, and we're proud to serve on your team. Thanks again for making our Air Force the world's greatest aerospace force!

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3C0X2 (communications/computers systems programmer)

3C1X2 (electromagnetic spectrum management)

3C2X1 (communications/computer systems control, except senior master sergeant)

3P0X1 (security forces)

5R0X1 (chaplain service support, except senior and chief master sergeant)

7S0X1 (office of special investigations)

7S000 (chief enlisted manager office of special investigations)

8S100 (sensor operator)

9S100 (applied geophysics)

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